

■ FORUM · MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Covenant of Belonging

Part Two — What belonging looks like.

Welcome back. Following Jesus in community.

■ TODAY'S QUESTION

What does belonging actually **look** like?

On a Tuesday. In real life. Not the theory of it — the practice of it.

■ ONE WORD HOLDS IT ALL

Hesed

God's loyal, faithful, covenant-keeping love — poured out on his people **even in the middle of their failure.** Not based on how they perform. Based on who God is.

■ THE HINGE OF EVERYTHING TODAY

The way God has loved **us is the pattern for how we now love **each other**.**

Every commitment, every act of service flows downstream from love we have **already been given**. None of it earns God's love. All of it lives in response to it.

— Section 01

We Belong to Each Other

The New Testament's dominant picture of the local church: a body.

ROMANS 12:4-5

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and *we all belong to each other.*

We don't become members of an institution. We become members of *each other.*

COLOSSIANS 1:18

Christ is also the *head* of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

If Christ is the head, the church is not mine to *consume*, and not mine to *control*. It's His.

■ A MUTUAL COVENANT

It runs **both ways.**

Membership is not a one-way list of demands the church loads onto you. When you enter this covenant, **your leadership is making commitments to you, too.**

■ SEVEN COMMITMENTS · 5–7

05 Mutual Care & Accountability

06 Support for Leadership

07 Engagement in Mission & Outreach

